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REMARKS

1. The barracks installations in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) have been occupied to capacity since mid-October 1950. (1) Basic training of recruits was observed only in the Tauentzien Kaserne. Eight civilian houses had recently been incorporated into the billeting area of the Tauentzien Kaserne.

2. Installations in Stendal were described as follows:

a. Soviet quarters on Haferbreiterweg.

A building which formerly belonged to the riding and driving school. It is called Viehhalle (cattle hall) because cattle were previously put up for auction there.

b. Soviet quarters on Moltkestrasse.

Moltkestrasse was renamed Ernst Thaelmannstrasse. Its southern section, from Frommshagenstrasse as far as the junior high school, now the Comenius Schule, was open to traffic. The Soviet komandatura and an MVD unit were located there. The restricted "Russian Quarter" extended north of the junior high school. The former Hardenbergstrasse, renamed Fichtestrasse, is located within the restricted area.

c. German elementary school on Schuetzenplatz.

The school has not been occupied by troops for several years. Schuetzenplatz was renamed Platz der Jugend.

d. Schule on Wilhelm Kuelzstrasse.

The school housed a Soviet hospital. The building of the former German recruiting district headquarters, located opposite the school, belongs to the hospital.

e. Building at Uenglinger Tor.

The building, which is located at the intersection of Friedrich Ebertstrasse and Uenglingerstrasse, had been transferred to the Volkspolizei about 1½ years ago.

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f. Former girls' high school on Karl Liebknechtstrasse. The building houses a Soviet officers' club. Motion picture and theatrical performances for EM were held in the large gymnasium. (2)

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3. On 24 and 25 November, sentries wearing black epaulets with signal insignia were observed at the Borstel airfield. In addition to a signal unit of about 150 men, an artillery unit of 500 to 600 troops was located in the quarters which were previously occupied by AF units. No artillery pieces were observed.

4. The barracks installations in Stendal seemed to be occupied to capacity. The main troop installations were occupied as before. According to a railroadman, the tank units from Stendal had returned to their quarters by the end of October 1950. Twelve JS tanks were unloaded from trains, which had come from the direction of Magdeburg, and moved toward the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne during the night of 25 October. (1)

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5. The first gate of the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne was guarded by tank troopers and the second gate by artillerymen. Twelve guns of about 122 mm were parked in the barracks yard.

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6. Gate guards at the Hindenburg Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Troops engaged in drill and infantry training were observed in the barracks yard and at the drill ground behind the barracks installation.

7. Sentries at the Tauntzien Kaserne wore black-bordered red epaulets. Troops were engaged in drill and infantry training in the barracks yard and at the drill ground north of Pappelallee. Two platoons of 20 and 29 soldiers respectively left the installation carrying equipment. Each platoon was commanded by an officer. The apartment house on Osterburgerstrasse, opposite the Tauntzien Kaserne, was vacated by Soviet dependents who moved into the Genossenschaftsbau (cooperative stores' building) on Elisabethstrasse. A total of 124 apartments in houses on Elisabethstrasse and on Strasse der Demokratie were occupied by Soviet dependents. According to local residents, 200 trainees of the Stalin school were also billeted there. Elisabethstrasse, Strasse der Demokratie and the Tauntzien Kaserne were placed off limits and surrounded with a fence.

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8. The construction of permanent garages and shed roofs near the quarters of the motor transport unit on Haferbreiterweg was completed. Trucks, were standing under the shed roofs.

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9. The headquarters which had previously been located on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse, formerly Moltkestrasse, moved into a building on former Gardelegenerstrasse, which runs past the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The former headquarters building on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse was requisitioned by the MVD office located in the adjoining building. (6)

[redacted] Comments.

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- (2) The data on the installations are credible and agree with available information.
- (3) [redacted] a signal unit was previously 50X1-HUM believed to be stationed at the Borstel airfield. The present report indicates that the airfield quarters have been recently occupied by an artillery or AAA unit of the Third Shock Army.
- (4) [redacted] the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne quarter headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, while the Tauntzien Kaserne quarters components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

- (6) The headquarters mentioned may either be the Hq LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps or the Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted]

[redacted] In 1948, the Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div was identified at Moenchskirchhof (cemetery). The division headquarters allegedly moved from Moenchskirchhof into a building on Moltkestrasse, between the MVD office and the Soviet komendatura in January 1950. The present report indicates that the headquarters had moved again. The Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div is now believed to be located on former Gardelegenerstrasse, near the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. 50X1-HUM

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